14.6.2004 are available on the DGFT webste-www.nic. in/eximpol. The decisions have been taken on the recommendation of the Ministry of Health.

Draft Agreement on Agriculture

1178. SHRIMATI S.G INDIRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the concerns of India have not been adequately addressed by the latest draft on a framework agreement on agriculture;

(b) if so, Governments reaction at the meeting of the WTO General Council held on July, 27,2004; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that 650 million Indian farmers would be affected if India is forced to give concessions on allowing such imports of agricultural products?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.VKS. ELANGOVAN): (a) to (c) On 1st August, 2004, a *Framewrok for Establishing Modalities in Agriculture* has been agreed to in the meeting of the General Council of the World Trade Organisation. The elements and principles contained in the Framework duly address India's farm sector interests and concerns, *inter alia,* that trade-distorting domestic subsidies provided to their farm sector largely by the developed countries are substantially reduced, their export subsidies eliminated, and market access opportunities for products of export interest to developing countries improve substantially. Moreover, consistent with the Doha mandate to negotiate on agriculture, any additional commitments, particularly in market access, by developing countries like India should serve to safeguard their food and livelihood security concerns and rural development needs. The negotiations are Scheduled to conclude by December, 2005.

Proposal by Pakistani traders on copyrights

1179. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistani traders have impressed upon Government to jointly fight with Pakistan for their rights relating to the copyright issues during WTO meetings;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to attain their common objective?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does riot arise.

(c) Does not arise.

Export Promotion Council for Pharmaceuticals

1180. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to set up a new organisation called Export Promotion Council for Pharmaceuticals or PHAR-MEXCIL to promote the Pharmaceutical Industry;

(b) whether Director General of Foreign Trade has issued a Public Notice dated May 12th, 2004 for creation of PHAR-MEXCIL;

(c) if so, whether organisation would be based in Hyderabad with a regional office in Mumbai;

(d) if so, whether Government assure of setting up the new organisation at Hyderabad in short period and if so, within how many months; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) The office is being set up by the Industry and not by the Government.

Tea exports

1181. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are taking any steps to increase production
and exports of tea;

(b) if so, the target set therefor during last three years and the achievement made in this regard; and